SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5306**

3						9		
4		2						
	5							1
1	9			8		4		2
5								3
	8	4			5		6	
9				6				5
6	2	1		9			8	
	3		1		7			4

TRICKY **B5306**

		1				5	4	
	5	3			4			
		4				6		2
6	3				2			
				8				
			6	7			2	1
	8							6
	1	5						
			5	1	3	8		

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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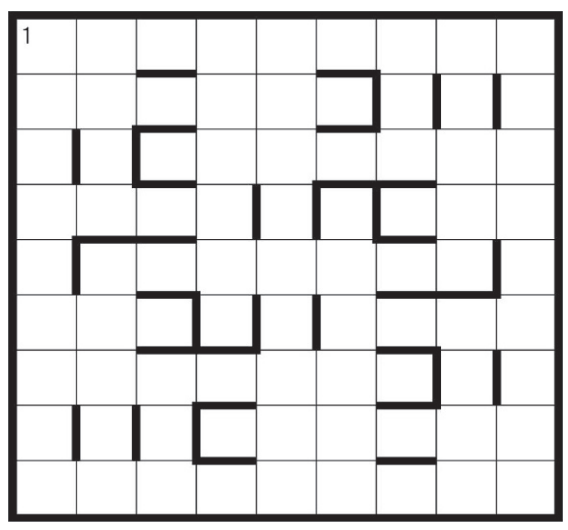
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

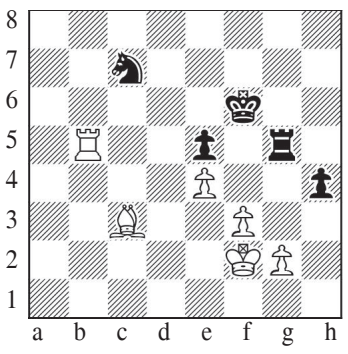
1 Progeny (9)
Type of tree (3)
A convincing defeat (9)
Expensive (4)
Teaching session (6)
Story within a story (7)
Arbitrate (7)
Back part (4)
Moral goodness (6)
Related to drawing or pictures (7)
_ McKellen, actor (3)



DOWN

1 Supervision (9)
Salad vegetable (6)
Blue ships (anag.) (9)
Circle of rope (5)
Ventilate (3)
Low-lying wetland (5)
Unwell (3)
Accumulating (9)
Blaze (4)
Solidly built (6)
Soon (4)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A PAWN

HINT: A PIN IS KEY.

Solution: 1.Rxe5! Rxe5 2. f4! followed by 3. Bxe5ch.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 14;

Very good 21;

Excellent 27 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

PROCEEDED

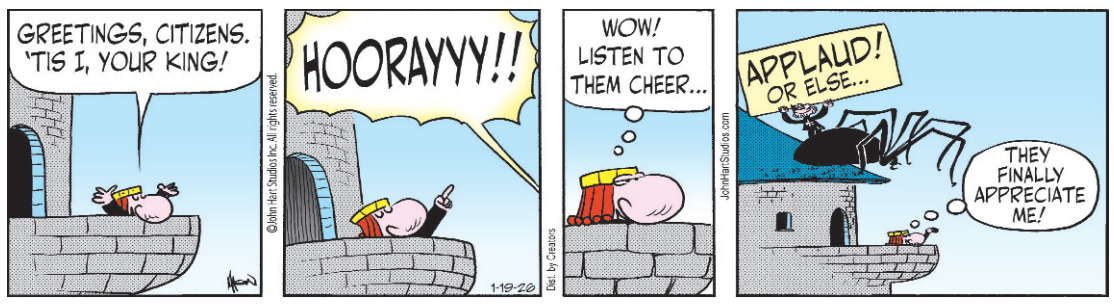
cope, coped, creep, crepe, crop, deep, deeper, dope, doped, doper, dorp, drop, epee, oped, peer, peered, pore, pored, precede, preceded, proceed, PROCEEDED, prod, repo, rope, roped

THE METRO FUNNIES

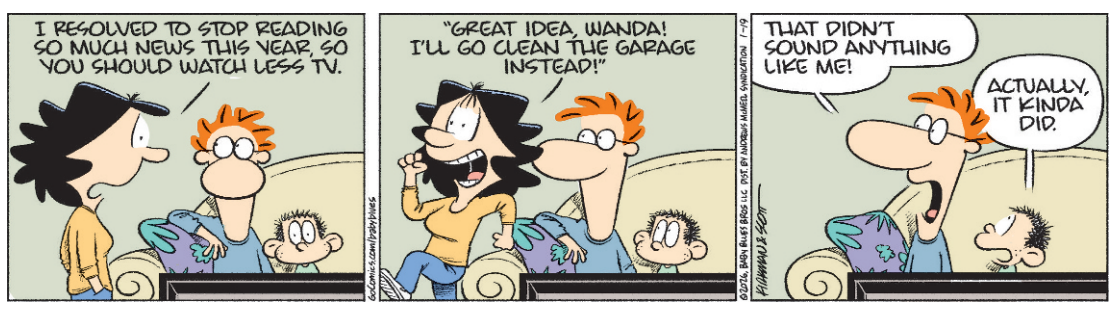
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

YEAH, WE DEFINITELY NEED SOME FRESH ONES.
FRESH WHAT?
CHEERS! THE CHEER SQUAD'S BEEN DOING THE SAME ONES FOR YEARS.
OOH! LET ME WRITE SOME NEW CHEERS FOR YOU!
WHEN HAVE YOU EVER WRITTEN A CHEER?
NEVER! BUT A CHEER IS BASICALLY A POEM, RIGHT? AND I'VE WRITTEN TONS OF POEMS IN ENGLISH CLASS!...
...OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN "MAKE ME SOME COCOA BEFORE I GO LOCO"?
IT IS SEARED INTO MY BRAIN.
Visit bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


I RESOLVED TO STOP READING SO MUCH NEWS THIS YEAR, SO YOU SHOULD WATCH LESS TV.
"GREAT IDEA, WANDA! I'LL GO CLEAN THE GARAGE INSTEAD!"
THAT DIDN'T SOUND ANYTHING LIKE ME!
ACTUALLY, IT KINDA DID.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	06:01pm	05:28pm	06:07pm	05:27pm	05:33pm	06:02pm
Sunrise	07:12am	07:08am	07:17am	06:59am	07:15am	07:24am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	7	20	Partly Cloudy	53	7	21	Cloudy		8	21	Partly Cloudy
Hyderabad	10	27	Sunny	43	10	27	Partly Cloudy		12	27	Sunny
Islamabad	8	20	Partly Cloudy	46	8	20	Cloudy		8	20	Partly Cloudy
Lahore	7	20	Cloudy	56	7	21	Mostly Sunny		8	21	Partly Cloudy
Multan	7	21	Sunny	53	8	21	Mostly Sunny		9	21	Sunny
Peshawar	7	20	Mostly Sunny	43	7	19	Cloudy		7	20	Cloudy
Quetta	0	12	Sunny	33	11	13	Mostly Sunny		0	11	Partly Cloudy

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

PETTIER

(PETTIER: PEH-tee-er: Having less importance.)

Average mark 12 words
Time limit 20 minutes

Can you find 17 or more words in PETTIER?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — COALITION

cant	coolant	lain	italic
canto	coot	licit	taco
ciao	octal	lint	tail
cilia	oilcan	lion	talc
clan	olio	loan	talon
clot	onto	location	toil
coal	action	loin	tonal
coat	aioli	loon	tonic
coil	alit	loot	tool
coin	alto	lotic	nail
cola	anti	lotion	
colon	antic	into	
colt	atonic	ionic	
cool	laic	iota	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

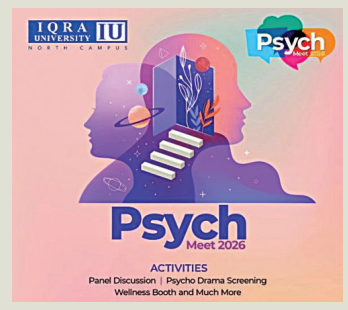
1 Carpenter
7 Oral
8 Beige
10 Pus
11 Turtle
13 Reasoning
14 Unseen
16 Sum
18 Trays
19 Eden
20 Spreading.

DOWN

1 Contrasts
2 Argued
3 Plot
4 New
5 Tipsier
6 Resigning
8 Belongs
9 Grammar
12 Uneven
15 Seed
17 Dye.

METRO EVENTS

AWARENESS EVENT



'Psych Meet 2026', an engaging event designed to promote awareness, balance and emotional well-being, is held at Iqra University, Main Auditorium, North campus, at 12pm.

CONFERENCE

The 6th AlBaraka Forum Regional Conference themed 'Islamic Economy in the Digital Age: Innovation within the Framework of Compliance', organised by the AlBaraka Forum for Islamic Economy in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development at Pearl Continental Hotel at 9:30am.

WORKSHOPS

'Pre Conference Workshop CPSP IMECON-26 on 'Strengthening Medical Education Through Research and Scholarship' is organised at the Conference Hall, 1st Floor, NICVD at 10am.

'Petals of Personality', an event organised by the Department of Psychology, Iqra University, at Gulshan campus (near canteen area), at 10:30am.

SESSION

A session on 'Early Obesity Prevention and Its Role in Reducing PCOS and Metabolic Health Risks' is organised at Iqra University, airport campus, at 9:30am.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** This is a fun-loving, exuberant day for you! Bosses, parents and VIPs might make a move that you didn't expect. Hopefully, it will bless your pocketbook. Something going on behind the scenes might surprise you as well. You feel restless and ready for change. Romance is blessed! A friend could become a lover. Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** You make a great impression on others today, which means you can demand the advantage. Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap. Or these opportunities could relate to medicine, the law or publishing. Someone older might surprise you today. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

***** Today is full of unexpected surprises that will bless you. Meanwhile, you're keen to do anything to expand your world, because you need a change of scenery. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Interactions with others about shared property could bless you, financially speaking. Tonight: Explore!

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** People are unpredictable today, especially partners and close friends. Stay light on your feet, because you can't be sure what's coming your way. Meanwhile, rules and regulations that might have held you back in the past could suddenly change today. Voila! Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Your routine might change today. Technical problems might arise or equipment might suffer from a glitch. Check banking, because something unexpected could impact shared property, taxes and debt or your bank account. Cooperate with others today. Go along to get along. Tonight: Listen.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** Innovative ideas might occur to you today. It's also a wonderful day to socialize! Upsets in sports events might occur. A social occasion might be cancelled or delayed. Parents should be vigilant to avoid accidents with your kids. Keep your eyes peeled! Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

***** This is a playful, fun-loving day! You'll enjoy warmhearted interactions with others. You might even be inspired. Be aware that your home routine might suddenly change, so stay light on your feet. It's a great day for fun outings and romance. Keep swiping, because new love might be waiting to meet you. Tonight: Socialize.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Pay attention to everything you say and do today because is a mildly accident-prone day. Nevertheless, all your interactions with others are warm and friendly. You might see new and innovative ways of doing something, especially related to the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

***** You can be impulsively extravagant, and today is one of those days. Be careful. If you spontaneously make a big purchase, keep your receipts and the box. Double-check your money and possessions to make sure everything's cool, because something unexpected could impact them. Tonight: Conversations.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** You're full of electric, buzzy energy today, which is why you might not know which way to turn first. You'll be innovative and quick to come up with new solutions. Tonight: Check your possessions.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

***** You might have some amazing, original moneymaking ideas today. If so, don't dismiss them. Write them down to reconsider them later. Today when it comes to finances, you can think outside the box. You also might make some impulsive wardrobe purchases. (Keep your receipts.) Tonight: You're in charge.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** A friend might surprise you today or perhaps a member of a group. Changes that you made several years ago might now take shape. You're starting to see that your life is different, and perhaps things are more appropriate to what you are. Conversations with younger people will be lively, perhaps even competitive. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 9
♥ K 9 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A K 10 8 2

WEST
♠ Q 4
♥ J 8 6 5 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 7 4 3

EAST
♠ K J 8 3 2
♥ --
♦ A J 9 5
♣ Q J 6 5

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 5
♥ A Q 10 7 2
♦ K 10 7 4
♣ 9

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Opening lead -- queen of spades.

This deal occurred during the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Italy and Ireland. With Lorenzo Lauria and Benito Garozzo North-South for Italy, the bidding went as shown.

Against four hearts, the Irish West led the queen of spades, taken by dummy's ace. With the contract all but assured with normal breaks, Garozzo decided to try to protect himself against a bad trump division. And so, without playing any trumps, he cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a spade, and ruffed a club in his hand.

He next led a low diamond to the queen, taken by East with the ace. East then cashed the king of spades before continuing with the jack. Garozzo wisely ruffed with the ace of trump and cashed the king of diamonds, producing this position with declarer needing four of the last five tricks:

North
♥ K 9 3
♣ 10 8

West ♥ J 8 6 5 4 **East** ♠ 8 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q

South
♥ Q 10 7
♦ 10 7

Garozzo led the seven of diamonds, West ruffing with the six and dummy overruffing with the nine. Next came the king of hearts, and when East showed out, the hand became an open book. The eight of clubs was led from dummy, and after East played the queen, Garozzo discarded his ten of diamonds, forcing West to ruff and return a trump from the J-8 to declarer's Q-10.

Thus, despite West's five trumps, Garozzo made four hearts, losing only a spade, a diamond and one trump trick.

Tomorrow: Super psychology.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5305

7	2	8	6	9	4	1	3	5
9	5	4	3	1	2	8	7	6
3	1	6	5	7	8	2	9	4
4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2	1
6	8	1	2	4	3	7	5	9
2	9	5	7	6	1	4	8	3
1	4	7	9	8	5	3	6	2
5	6	2	4	3	7	9	1	8
8	3	9	1	2	6	5	4	7

Tricky — B5305

1	6	5	7	8	3	4	9	2
2	3	8	4	9	6	1	5	7
7	9	4	5	2	1	8	3	6
5	8	3	1	6	4	2	7	9
9	2	7	8	3	5	6	4	1
4	1	6	9	7	2	3	8	5
6	5	9	2	4	8	7	1	3
3	4	1	6	5	7	9	2	8
8	7	2	3	1	9	5	6	4